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SUBJECT: GOA MINISTRY OF HYDRAULICS REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL
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1. DR. LOUIS BATTAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA NOT
AVAILABLE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT. WE SUGGEST IN HIS PLACE
DR. SIMON INCE, PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATER
RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, TUCSON. HIS CREDENTIALS
FOR THE ASSIGNMENT ARE EXCELLENT AND HIS FRENCH IS FLUENT.
DR. JACK JOHNSON WILL ACCEPT A LIMITED ASSIGNMENT. BOTH
JOHNSON AND INCE CAN COME TO ALGERIA APRIL 10-17.
CONSULTANT FEES ARE U.S. DOLS 150 PER DAY. PLEASE ASK
MINISTRY OF HYDRAULICS TO SEND INVITATIONS AND MAKE
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IF THEY AGREE TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

2. JOHNSON AND INCE WILL CARRY WITH THEM TO ALGERIA THE
LIST OF USDA RESEARCH CENTERS AND UNIVERSITIES WITH
PROGRAMS IN ARID-ZONE MANAGEMENT AND BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THEIR
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3. COMMENT: USDA TEAM WORKING WITH FRANCIS URBAN ON THE
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ALGERIA UNDER USDA-GOA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. USDA IS SKEPTICAL OF MINISTRY
OF HYDRAULICS INITIATIVE FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THESE
INCLUDE: (1) MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SEEMS TO HAVE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND IS PREPARING PLANS FOR INTERGRATED
DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGH PLATEAU REGION; (2) THE PROPOSED
AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING INSTITUTE WOULD
ATTEMPT TO COMBINE DIVERSE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE OFTEN
DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE; AND (3) THE INSTITUTE WOULD CUT
ACROSS DIFFERENT MINISTRIES WHICH MAY BE UNWILLING TO
RELINQUISH CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ARE WILLING TO
ASSIST THEM BUT SHOULD COORDINATE EFFORTS AT OUR END.
JOHNSON AND INCE WILL BE BRIEFED ON USDA-MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES.
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